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1. MISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM DG I OFFICIAL AARTS IN RESPONSE TO OUR ORAL DEMARCHE OF 1/25/78 (REFTEL).

2. QUOTE. THE EEC MARKET IN SEEDS IS A VERY OPEN MARKET. HOWEVER, IT IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE FACT THAT IN PRINCIPLE ONLY CERTIFIED SEED CAN BE MARKETED AND ONLY
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VARIETIES WHICH ARE IN THE COMMON CATALOGUE OF VARIETIES OR ON A NATIONAL LIST OF VARIETIES CAN BE TRADED IN THE COMMUNITY. SOME THIRD COUNTRIES (INCLUDED USA) HAVE BEEN GRANTED EQUIVALENCE ON CERTIFICATION OF SEED PRODUCED. THIS MEANS THAT SEEDS PRODUCTION IN THESE COUNTRIES CAN FREELY ENTER THE EEC-MARKET IF IT CONFORMS TO CERTAIN TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. FOR SOME OF THE MAIN SPECIES

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(I.E., LOLIUM PERENNE L., PHLEUM PRATENSE L., ETC.) AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE EEC-DEMAND IS SUPPLIED FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS IMPORTED QUANTITY IS TO A LARGE EXTENT SECURED BY VARIETIES BRED IN THE EEC AND MULTIPLIED OUTSIDE. TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EEC-MARKET ORGANIZATION IN SEEDS (I.E. THE SUPPLY) A GOOD MARKET TRANSPARENCY IS ESSENTIAL AND IN PARTICULAR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT POTENTIAL AREA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SEEDS WHICH CAN BE TRADED ON THE COMMUNITY MARKET (SEE POINT 1, 2). IN THIS CONTEXT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SINCE 1972 COMMUNITY AREAS UNDER SEEDS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION. THE REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLICATION CONTRACTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES NOW PROPOSED TO THE COUNCIL IS THUS ONLY A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALREADY EXISTING COMMUNITY STATISTICAL PROGRAMME. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIAL (TOUGAARD) RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING PROPOSAL SAID THAT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND WILL, HE BELIEVES, BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF AG MINISTERS AS PART OF THE PRICE PACKAGE. HINTON

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